

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Minority Enterprise Development Week, co-sponsored by the United States Department of Commerce – Minority Business Development Agency and the United States Small Business Administration, promotes and honors the achievements of minority business entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS,** in its efforts to strengthen and increase minority businesses in the Palmetto State, the South Carolina Statewide Minority Business Development Center has developed initiatives that provide “keys to entrepreneurial Success” through access to education, finance, technology, and the marketplace; and

**WHEREAS,** the Center has formed strategic partnerships with local and state officials and government agencies, financial institutions, and private businesses that work together to promote the success and longevity of minority owned enterprises; and

**WHEREAS,** in recognition of the theme, “The Art of the Deal: Making it Happen,” this year’s observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week provides an opportunity for our minority entrepreneurs to network and showcase their businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 3 – 7, 2005, as

### SOUTH CAROLINA MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the achievements of minority owned and controlled business entrepreneurs and pay tribute to their many contributions to the economic stability of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**